

# ▶ Hawai'i's Public Access Room ◀

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## Legislative Timetable

### January

17<sup>th</sup> Opening Day.  
22<sup>nd</sup> State-of-the-State Address.  
23<sup>rd</sup> State-of-the-Judiciary Address  
24<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day for introduction of bills.

### February

16<sup>th</sup> First Lateral.  
22<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Mandatory 5 day recess.

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Filing deadline for First Decking.  
5<sup>th</sup> One day recess  
6<sup>th</sup> Filing deadline for budget bills.  
7<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
8<sup>th</sup> First Crossover.  
14<sup>th</sup> Last day to intro substantive resolutions.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Second Lateral.  
30<sup>th</sup> One day recess.

### April

6<sup>th</sup> Filing deadline for Second Decking.  
9<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
11<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
12<sup>th</sup> Second Crossover.  
First crossover for concurrent resolutions.  
16<sup>th</sup> Deadline for naming conferees.  
17<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
19<sup>th</sup> Deadline for final form of constitutional amendments.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions.  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.  
30<sup>th</sup> One day recess.

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> One day recess.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Adjournment Sine Die.

## What's New?

*Well, a new millenium ... a new century ... a new legislature...*

The Twenty-first legislature's first session brings four new Senators and eleven new Representatives

*...a new coordinator in the PAR...*

Following in Kimo Brown's footsteps would be a daunting task, had he not shared so much knowledge before he moved on. The mark he left on the PAR after his many years as Coordinator is significant and exceptional. I'll do my best; our future successes will reflect his years of guidance and skill.

*... new hopes, dreams and needs...*

In a dynamic society, some issues will never change, but new ones will always emerge to reflect our current needs.

*... new voices, faces, and advocates....*

Meet our staff members on the next page. They look forward to assisting our PAR veterans and newcomers. Please join us on Opening Day, January 17, to begin the PAR's eleventh year.



--Suzanne Marinelli, PAR Coordinator

## Workshop Schedule

### The Legislative Process and Citizen Participation

Learn more about how the legislature works, the committee structure, terminology, calendaring, and how you can interact to effect outcomes. For both those new to the Legislature and those wanting a refresher on the process. 1 1/2 hours.

Jan. 18 or 23, noon; 24 or 31, 5:30 pm; Feb. 2, 6, or 15, noon; or 14, 5 pm.

### Presenting Effective Testimony

Learn how to present testimony, written and oral, that best communicates your position to the legislators. 1 1/2 hours.

Jan. 30, 12:00 or Feb. 7, 5:30 pm

### Reading Legislative Documents

Be able to use and understand many of the forms, documents, and records the Legislature uses in its work. 1 1/2 hours

Jan. 25 or Feb. 13, noon

### Helpful Internet Sites

Bills, resolutions, hearing notices, biographies, Capitol facilities and maps, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and MORE are available over the Internet. Come learn your way around several important websites. 1 1/2 hours.

Jan. 19, noon or Jan. 25, 4pm



### **Miho Morikawa**

Her affection for the legislative process and the "magical" people that work here at the Capitol keep her gravitating back. She has previously worked for both the Senate and the House. She is committed to assisting youth achieve their highest potential and serves on the Board of Winners Camp. Her other passions include trekking off to foreign and not so foreign territories, experiencing the wonders of life—most recently to Angkor Wat.

## **Meet the PAR Staff**



### **Craig Rasmussen**

A Kahuku High School graduate, Craig recently graduated from New College of California School of Law. Prior to returning to school, he had managed several small businesses and has an abiding interest in the workings of politics. He is an avid movie-goer and a new uncle!



### **Margaret Goodheart Torigoe**

Having raised her 3 children to the stage in life when she became the "privileged observer", Margaret heeded the call to adventure, not only travelling extensively and living abroad, but also was among the first women in computer sales in California. An avid reader, her interests range from poetry to physics. She sits on the board of the Hawai'i Virtual Library. Discovering life begins at 50, she has since become a professional actress, model, public speaker, and author; has moved with her son to this most delicious island; loved and married a "local boy"; life is good!



### **Robert E. Jones**

Born June 26, 1937 in Berkeley, California. Raised in So. Cal. and, except for a 3 year stint in the US Army, lived in the Pasadena-LA-Laguna Beach triangle for 50 years. Upon retirement from a 30-year career with Lockheed Martin Corp., Bob and his wife Judy fulfilled a long held dream and migrated to Hawai'i where we are living happily ever after. The year 2001 marks Bob's 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive session with the PAR.



### **Honu Huihui**

A native Hawaiian, Honu was given her amakua by her grandmother. Our "Turtle" has been a volunteer in this room for several years. She says of herself: "I rose up out of the sea and came to work at the PAR."

Honu was featured as an outstanding volunteer last year on the I Ka Pono segment on channel 8 news.

## **Did you know?**

The Public Access Room started in a closet in the Capitol basement in 1990. Eleven years later, it has permanent paid staff, handles email, phone, and in-person requests, and copied over 100,000 pages of testimony for the public!

## **Budget Info**

Looking for information on the budget? Two excellent documents are available for public use from the Legislative Reference Bureau Library in Room 005:

The Little Red Budget Book, prepared by the House Minority Staff Office

An Overview of the State Budget, prepared by the House Majority Staff Office.